



NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY
INVITATION TO BID
DRAWING MACHINES AND RELATED SERVICES
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1.) Will the NCEL consider a three week minimum extension for delivery of the lotto units and related ball sets?

Answer: To allow sufficient time for installation, training, and testing in advance of the NCEL's anticipated launch date, the delivery date cannot be any later than Friday, September 22, 2006.

2.) Can a Certificate of Deposit (CD) of equal value be submitted in lieu of a performance bond? What is the deadline date for the NCEL to guarantee release of the performance bond?

Answer: Pursuant to the terms of N.C.G.S. §18C-151, the NCEL requires a bond or letter of credit. The NCEL will release the Performance Bond provided by the Successful Vendor upon the expiration of the Warranty Period as defined in Section 5.3.7 of the ITB.

3.) What other forms of insurance might be required besides general liability insurance and workers compensation insurance?

Answer: The NCEL does not presently contemplate the need for additional types of insurance.

4.) Would the NCEL consider a drawing machine where the 10-ball loading rack is attached to the separation panel for each chamber, rather than to the access door?

Answer: Yes.

5.) Will the NCEL consider drawing balls that do not have a line printed under the number? See ITB Section 5.3.4(c).

Answer: Yes; however, the single-digit numerals six (6) and (9) must be underlined. Or, in the alternative, the NCEL will consider balls that do not have a line printed under the number (including the 6 and 9), but instead have an alpha-numeric combination that is a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

6.) How many balls should be included in each set?

Answer: For Pick 3, there should be fifteen sets of 0-9, for a total of 150 balls. Of the fifteen sets, twelve sets should be white and three sets should be red. For Cash 5, there should be five sets of 1-39, for a total of 195 balls. Of the five sets, four sets should be white and one set should be red.

7.) Is a Record Check Fee required of all Vendors who submit a bid?

Answer: Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §18C-151, the NCEL is required to collect the cost of the background investigation from all Vendor that submit a proposal. However, the NCEL will refund any such fee (or portion thereof) that it does not actually expend.

8.) What method of payment is acceptable to cover the cost of the criminal record check?

Answer: Check or money order payable to the North Carolina Education Lottery.

9.) What is the term length required for the performance bond?

Answer: Twelve (12) months from the effective date of the contract.

10.) At final rest, how much space should be left between the displayed balls and the ends of the delivery trays? See ITB Section 5.3.2(c).

Answer: One inch or less should be left between the displayed balls and the ends of the delivery trays.